

an upper surface adapted for contact with vehicle wheels during use, said upper surface inclined downwardly from a first edge at an apex of said ramp segment to a second edge opposite said first edge, wherein said first edge apex has a predetermined height substantially the same as the height of the elevated obstruction above the roadway surface;

opposing side edges having complementary coupling formations adapted for removably interlocking with said opposing side edges of another one of said adjacently disposed first ramp segments;

whereby in use, said first edge of each of said plurality of individual, adjacently disposed, removably interlocking first ramp segments is positionable adjacent the elevated obstruction with said lower surface contacting the roadway surface, and whereby said plurality of individual, adjacently disposed, removably interlocking first ramp segments will form a temporary ramp assembly such that vehicles traveling on the roadway ride up and over the elevated obstruction without damage.

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26. (New) The combination of claim 25 wherein said upper surface of said first ramp segments have a slope of at least approximately 1:20.

S E I D ~~27. (New) The combination of claim 26 wherein said temporary protective ramp is adapted for placing adjacent a substantially linear elevated obstruction on the roadway surface, wherein said first ramp segments are substantially rectangular;~~

~~whereby in use, said plurality of adjacently disposed rectangular first ramp segments form a rectangular ramp for placing adjacent the substantially linear elevated obstruction.~~

~~28. (New) The combination of claim 26 wherein said temporary protective ramp is adapted for placing around a substantially circular elevated obstruction on the roadway surface, wherein said plurality of first ramp segments are substantially arcuate with said first edge of each said first ramp segments having an inner radius substantially corresponding to a radius of the~~

substantially circular elevated obstruction, and wherein said opposing side edges extend substantially radially outward from said first edge;

whereby in use, said plurality of adjacently disposed arcuate first ramp segments form an annular ramp for placing around the substantially circular elevated obstruction.

29. (New) The combination of claim 26 wherein said temporary protective ramp further comprising a plurality of individual, adjacently disposed, removably interlocking second ramp segments, each said second ramp segments having:

a substantially horizontal lower surface adapted for contacting the roadway surface during use;

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an upper surface adapted for contact with vehicle wheels during use, said upper surface inclined downwardly at a slope of at least approximately 1:20 from a first edge at an apex of said second ramp segment to a second edge opposite said first edge, wherein said first edge apex of said second ramp segment is at a height substantially the same as a height of said second edge of said adjacently disposed one of said first ramp segments, and wherein at least said second edge of said first ramp segments and said first edge of said second ramp segments include complementary coupling formations for removably interlocking said first ramp segments with said second ramp segments; and

opposing side edges having complementary coupling formations adapted for removably interconnecting with said side edges of another one of said adjacently disposed second ramp segments,

whereby said plurality of individual, adjacently disposed, removably interlocking first and second ramp segments form a temporary ramp assembly with a slope of at least approximately 1:20 to allow vehicles traveling on the roadway to ride up and over the elevated obstruction without damage.

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30. (New) The combination of claim 29 wherein said temporary protective ramp is adapted for placing adjacent a substantially linear elevated obstruction on the roadway surface, wherein said first and second ramp segments are substantially rectangular;

whereby in use, said plurality of adjacently disposed rectangular first and second ramp segments form a rectangular ramp for placing adjacent the substantially linear elevated obstruction.

31. (New) The combination of claim 29 wherein said temporary protective ramp is adapted for placing around a substantially circular elevated obstruction on the roadway surface, wherein said plurality of first and second ramp segments are substantially arcuate with said first edge of each said first ramp segments having an inner radius substantially corresponding to a radius of the substantially circular elevated obstruction, and wherein said first edge of each said second ramp segments have an inner radius substantially corresponding to a outer radius of the second edge of the first ramp segments, and wherein said opposing side edges of said first and second ramp segments extend substantially radially outward from said first edge;

whereby in use, said plurality of adjacently disposed arcuate first and second ramp segments form an annular ramp for placing around the substantially circular elevated obstruction.

32. (New) The combination of claim 25, wherein said first ramp segments are elastomeric.

33. (New) The combination of claim 32 wherein said first ramp segments include a core of rigid and relatively heavy material.

34. (New) The combination of claim 33 wherein said core is metal

35. (New) The combination of claim 25, wherein said first ramp segments further comprise fastener openings for receiving fasteners therethrough to secure said first ramp segments to the roadway while in use.